pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Though there have been requests for setting up offices of the Apparel Export Promotion Council in various parts of the country, no proposal of the Apparel Export Promotion Council for opening of offices is pending with the Government. Depending on the number of exporters located in a particular area, the volume of their exports, resources available with the Council etc., the Council itself takes a decision to open new offices.

Repair of Electrostatic Precipitators of NTPC, Farakka

766. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 5369 dated 9th May, 1995 and state:

(a) whether the final cost of repairs of electrostatic precipitators of units IV and V of NTPC, Farakka has been finalised;

(b) whether the supplier has borne the total cost of repair and modification; if not, the reason therefor; and

(c) what had been financial loss to NTPC because of the estimated loss of 3071 MUs and 144 MUs to unit IV and V on account of failure of ESP of unit IV?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The major cost of repair will be borne by the supplier while some local cost will be borne by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). Besides, NTPC has issued construction materials required for the purpose.

(c) It is difficult to quantify the financial loss to NTPC as despite the capacity created, it has not been possible to operate Farakka Thermal Power Project even at the present created capacity because of grid restrictions.

Facilities at Bangalore Airport Complex

767. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Bangalore airport complex was built on a landing site for Hindustan Aeronautics capable of handling around 700 passengers a day;

(b) what is the number of passengers handled presently at Bangalore airport and what are the additional facilities built, commensurate with the increase in passenger traffic; and

(c) what are the plans on the anvil/ pipeline to augment the facilities at Bangalore airport and by when these are likely to be fully functional?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Bangalore airport belongs to Hindustan Aeronautics limited. At present, this airport handles about 550 passengers. Airports authority of India (AAI) is undertaking the work of expansion of existing terminal building, which is expected to be completed by March, 1996. On completion, this building will have a capacity to handle 2000 passengers during peak hours.

AAI has also plans to construct a new International Block for which tenders have been called for and the work is expected to be completed in 18 months from the date of award of the work.